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INTERESTING TALK,

On the Country Tributary to Wrangel,

By the Rev. John Pringle.

Rev. John Pringle, at the request of a number of our citizens, gave an hour's talk on Monday evening, at the opera house, on the country tributary to Wrangel.

Mr. Pringle said: I have spent nine months in this country and have gone over the ground more than the average miner would have in nine years. I left Wrangel on the 22nd of March, and reached Glenora on the 4th of April, laying off three days on the trip. I was then a tenderfoot minister and knew nothing about travelling on the ice. I have learned a few lessons. This I have learned: I never mingled with such a class of men, and take them man for man. I never found their superiors anywhere. There has never gone into a mining country such intelligent and law-abiding men. Now, I am not given to exaggerating, but, it is hard to stick right to the exact facts after associating with prospectors for a long time. If I overstep the line you can lay it to the clear and bracing atmosphere that we breathe at Glenora. If I was out prospecting with a serious intention of going into the Klondike, I would want no better hardening or preparation for the work than a journey up the Stikeen.

About Glenora? I had been led to believe that I would find 4,000 people. I was more than disappointed when I rounded the curve and beheld the 74 Cassiar shacks that were erected more than a century ago. There were about 15 cabins there at the time. A few have been built since. I pitched my tent on the snow and lived in it from the 4th of April to the 1st of September. Never had better health; never saw better country. I am not a geologist, but, I give it as my opinion, that gold is as likely to be found there as anywhere. You can find color anywhere. They say there is no bed-rock. I can show it in a dozen places near Glenora. The trouble is that men start out from various places with the intention of reaching the Klondike "or bust," and they want to get through and they do not care if the whole road is paved with gold, they do no prospecting until they reach the Klondike or Dease Lake. Now, I have a great respect for old-timers, but, they talk through their hats as well as other people. They say this country has been all prospected. So with the Atlin Lake country, when, behold! some sheep going along the trail, knocked off the gravel and disclosed gold, and now the Klondike is not in it. Now Geologists say the Stikeen river channel is an old glacial bed, and the Klondike are glacial deposits. It is just as likely that the old glacier that filled the Stikeen river bed spread over that Dease Lake country. I cannot understand that there has not been hard prospecting done in this country. There are numbers of men who went out to the Glenora country who never got off their seats; never did anything harder than eat pork and beans, and they went back home and were interviewed, and told wonderful yarns about something they never saw or heard of. I started out with my pack in the rainy time that we had in the summer. The trail, of course, was not a wagon road, nor a railroad. Someone connected with the Canadian Government will have a mighty burden of responsibility some time, if Heaven deals with wicked governments as it does with wicked people. After travelling to Telegraph Creek, I learned my first lesson, that is, that one should take in their pack only that which they cannot possibly get along without. Now, I found that my impressions of that whole country were wholly erroneous. I expected to find Wrangel 60 degrees below zero, but, I must confess, that although I am accustomed to go tightly clad and I brought light clothing with me, I was not prepared for the warm temperature you had at Wrangel, last March. On the 4th of April the sun was shining at Glenora, and it did not cease shining

until the middle of August, and then only for a few days when it rained.

Climate? I do not believe there is any climate in the world like the climate there. Clear atmosphere, clear shining sun and clear sky. The fact of the matter is, if Alaska was not worth anything to Canada or the United States in the way of producing gold, it would be for other things. They do not realize the kind of country that is out there. What did I find? I found this, that in the valley of the Stikeen River, on the benches and river bottoms, you can grow to perfection any of the staple vegetables, and I believe, the staple cereals also. If the Dease Lake region should begin to produce gold and mining centers should grow up in the Atlin or Teslin country and thereabouts, the part of the country between Teslin and Glenora would supply the whole population with the staple foods. If I had my choice between 100 acres in this region and 320 acres of the most fertile part of Manitoba, I would choose the former. All this country needs is a local market to supply. I am not given to exaggeration in this matter, because I have been in both places to see, and am a farmer by bringing up. It is the best watered country in the world. The rivers are fairly alive with fish and the woods are overflowing with game.

The scenery is incomparable anywhere. The rivers are clear as crystals and the lakes are stretched out in a beautiful chain along the streams. Anyone that tells me this is not a natural great cattle range and that the valley through which the Teslin river flows is not a beautiful and fertile valley and a natural home for cattle, I beg to differ with them.

There is another thing about the fertility of the country. I left Teslin at 3 in the afternoon. The young man with me and myself went off the trail to the left and we ate until we could not eat any more red currants, such as our mothers grow in their gardens back in Mass. There were hundreds of acres of them and of black currants, high-bush and low-bush cranberries, and a berry I call the wine-berry, of a pure claret color, and then the Alaska berry, growing right down in the cold moss, bushels upon bushels of them.

Now, on the trail from Glenora at the present time. The dogs go on the jump. It is just as smooth as this floor. Everything is frozen up in that country in the winter time. The Talh-tan river is probably frozen now. The scenery is beautiful on the river bottom. The great spruces, immense alders and poplars and cranberry shrubs are covered with diamonds, that are born in the clear atmosphere of the Glenora region. The trail is like a climbing silvery thread.

Glenora, now, is a distributing center for about 1,200 men. It is just as likely that gold will be found there as in any other part of Alaska or Cassiar. Men have made fortunes in the latter place, and the coarse gold has been brought out of there by the thousands of dollars. That fertile region is great in agricultural possibilities, in its timber resources, and in its game and fish.

I believe, that that country will not only yield gold, but, will also sustain an immense and a great and vigorous and intelligent people.

J. M. Shoup, U. S. Marshal of Alaska, passed through Wrangel on the Cottage City, Monday night, on his way to McNeill's Island, with eleven prisoners. The Marshal looked to be in splendid health.

Our popular jeweller, Mr. F. W. Carlyon, returned on the Al-ki Monday night from his old home in Olympia. He has been absent for over a month. Mrs. Carlyon will join him here in a few days. They have been missed and we are glad to welcome them back to their accustomed place among us.

John F. Collins has secured an option from P. C. Jensen, to purchase the Victoria House for the Bachelors' Club. The consideration is said to be \$2,000. The Club have selected one of the best sites in town, convenient to its members. Here they may pursue their mysterious rites free from the unhalloved eye of peering curiosity. With the improvements contemplated it will make snug quarters for good fellowship and the indulgence of luxurious ease.

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We bespeak for the new enterprise a fair consideration, feeling certain from what we know of its proprietors that it will become immensely popular.

Let everybody in town meet there to-night to eat and drink of the good things which will be set out for them. Bring your friends along and get acquainted with the proprietors. You will be welcome and will give pleasure to yourself and to the hospitable people who extend the invitation.

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November, 1898.

Dear Editor of the Fort Wrangel Journal: I hope you will be able to find space in your valuable columns to make public my sincere gratitude and thanks to the many kind friends in Fort Wrangel for the hospitality and attention they accorded me, a stranger and without money, in July last, when it was my misfortune to get my ankle broken on one of the wharves. I could not but feel deeply touched at the willingness of them all to attend to my wants and I must especially offer my thanks and gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patching of Wrangle, and also to Miss Earheart, postmistress, for their untiring attention and for the many little niceties and dainties and comforts which they were pleased to offer. Had I been one of their own, instead of a perfect stranger they could not have shown me more kindness. Although I am now many thousand miles away, I shall ever look upon the inhabitants of Wrangle with admiration for their big-heartedness and fellow feeling. I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. JERRARD.

Our young friend, Dr. K. N. McAlpine, was married this week by Judge Tustin to Miss Agnes Young. We wish every good thing for Doc, for he deserves it. We extend to him our congratulations and hopes of a continued happiness to him and his young wife in their new estate.

The steam yacht Diana, brought here by some Chicago parties, early last summer has been recently sold by her Captain, Artwick Dahl, to Messrs. Whetmore & Stewart for the low price of \$350. The vessel probably cost all told, some \$3,000. She has good speed, power and capacity and can be profitably employed in many ways.

During the week the kind heavens have covered us with its spotless ermine, typical of purity. It is a blessed thing to see its skurry in the air and the beauty of all the landscape it touches. It has its associations of joys and sorrows. Here now the children coasting with rapid flight, full of the exhilaration of the hour. The lovers closely snuggled in warm wraps, the driver holding the reins with his feet. Alas! with its spectacular and comedy effects grim tragedy plays its part. For wanderers and travellers whose duty or necessity send out, fall into drifts and perish in its draperies. The busy man dislikes it, and he whose livelihood depends upon an uninterrupted going in and out, will depreciate it, but we quote to him the divine Epictatus whose pedestal was sweet contentment. His advice to the troubled spirit was to make a long peace with necessity.

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While the winter lasts, before the business activities of spring begin, our resident people should decide upon some concerted action looking to several important and necessary things involving every condition upon which the future of Wrangel depends.

First: A proper water system. It seems like irritating persiflage to recount why. As nobody has seen fit to take practical action upon it, it does appear necessary to give the reason, to wit: Upon grounds of decent sanitation, pure water to drink, and plenty of it to wash away the filth accumulations which breed pestilence; for cleanliness, that we may have clean houses, clean bodies, clean clothes and clean minds; for safety in the protection of property, that the town itself may not be licked up by devouring flames and that goods and merchandise may not involve their owners in financial ruin, and that houses and chattles may be insured at a living rate.

Second: That a brush facine should bulkhead the main street and the unwholesome pitfalls of the street be filled up that it may look seemly, that pedestains may walk abroad in safety, that vehicles may be able to do traffic, that decent sidewalks may run of uniform width along a straight curb so the house frontages will conform thereto, that water and gas, sewers and telephone poles and wires may be laid underground, that hydrants may be put up and lamp posts for lighting.

Third: A fire apparatus and hook and ladder carriage.

Fourth: An electric light plant.

We have enumerated these things and are as mad as a wet hen to feel compelled to do so.

Certain gentlemen have filed an appropriation of a number of inches of water, expressing all its contents, from the most convenient and practically located stream, which, if intelligently diverted would supply, at small cost, wholesome water for drinking and domestic uses; for the extinguishment of fire and flushing the streets.

One or two parties had in contemplation the construction of a water system here last spring, but, were confronted with this claim of ownership, whose hands were out for baksheesh.

Piping is cheap, transportation is cheap, labor is cheap, the pipe line short, the elevation just right, the supply ample and the cost of empounding basins slight. In the name of common sense why should not Wrangel have a faucet in every house?

Soon the Government will give title to the town property. The measures of value of every individual lot will be estimated upon the basis of the things we have enumerated. There can be no growth without them, worse, it means decay. Wrangel cannot even remain at a standstill. In the midst of the present activities it must move on or slump. The resources surrounding us will be developed. Ships will move in and out of Etolin Bay, freighted with men and merchandise. If Wrangel cannot present a decent face, some other convenient place will do so, which forehanded enterprise will make suited to up-to-date requirements.

A tribal feud will end by agreement between the Wrangels and Chilcats, to be sealed and confirmed in perpetuity by a joint potlatch, to be held August 10th, next, at Klawan on the Chilcat river, for so states the Alaska Miner.

For them grim visaged war has smoothed her wrinkled front. Now, are their bruised arms hung up for monuments, their stern alarms are changed to merry meetings.

The gathering, it is estimated, will comprise 2000 indians.

Their tribe traditions run back to the year 1200. 600 years of remembered story, which counts the reign of many chiefs whose memories are enbalmied in a thousand associations. The vanity of storied achievement set forth in garish colors have swollen the fancies of thousands who are dead and will burn with pale and ineffectual fires in the breasts of these simple children for whom for generations God had written no laws upon tables of stone, but, has traced them upon the tablets of their hearts. The heroic poetry of life fits the greasy children of barbarism as well as the knighted gentleman, garlanded with the victorious wreaths. The same exaggerated fictions make small things great, as the narrative descends for generations from mouth to mouth. So long reiterated, with something lost and something added, until the original story is hazed with the mists which creeping time is remorselessly pushing into the great mysteries of the past. Loye and war form the springs of action. The rugged bravery of the man, the tender, clinging softness of the woman, fill the tissues of the fabric into which is woven the incidents bright with victories won or sombre with the shadows of defeat, as the historian through his mental eye perceives them.

It would be difficult to draw from any of these people a lucid narrative that would not be phantastical and foolish, that would not shock our sensibilities. They too, would look askance at much of our records of long ago, with the same contempt. The value of a record depends upon the point of view. The religious or ethical notions of the siwash are mixed with very common clay, full of symbolical folly as most symbolisms are. The crude carvings and totems make a canny counterfeit presentment of

weird and coarse conceptions, involving the issues of life and death. With all its grossness it is a quantum suff. to fill their souls with ideals upon which their rude traditions stand from family to family, as one by one they melt into dust and their children's children following, walk the paths of life.

The Chilcats and the Wrangels have been at war since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. They have killed and sought respisals, following the same instincts which prompt nations to foster jealousies and resentments and to rush into wars where many fall that some vain man may rise.

They catalogue a long line of chiefs, running back 600 years, who have their individual histories, some good, some bad, some valorous and some craven. Following in a long immemorial line of succession, Koo-esh, Yes-Koch, Kock ki-Yeh, Kal-De-Na-Kla, ad libitum, down to our own Shakes and Katashan and Kood-A-Wat.

These greasy people are all on the toboggan fast pitching into oblivion. The crazy quilt of their stored traditions, twisted into worse riddles will be perpetuated by some curious chronicler who will plod through the bones of their defunct ancestry and put thousands of good people to sleep later on.

August 10th, next, Klawan will witness an odd reconciliation. It will be a day of odd doings, worth seeing. The indians, inspired with poor liquor, will do maudlin things and swap dogs, and offend the heavens with noisy, effusive demonstrations. Shakes is a good name to reconcile with and we hope the Chilcats or any other cats will "put it there old man" many times for many years to come, and will take something besides until the last mother's son of them, with toes pointed to the zenith, shall have mouldered into dust and then is seen no more. We are sorry it is to be at Klawan.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The Journal, fully impressed with the importance of Wrangel as a prospective mining centre, and of the great advantages to accrue to the business interests of the town by encouraging men to prospect in good faith, has established a mining feature to it's office.

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Where is the Fool Killer?

We respectfully call the Marshal's attention to the fool shooting which every day is indulged in by a set of idiots who unfortunately are at the wrong end of the gun. The escapes from being shot have been in several instances, by a hair's breadth, during the week. Any man of sense, fit to have a gun, must know that a bullet when striking the water is liable to turn corners and go most anywhere. If our people would report the persons indulging in this dangerous show off pastime to the Marshal we know he will take pains to make a coup de grace and land the loof in the hen-coop on the hill.

Some people have prejudices and object to being put hors de combat by a bullet out on a travelling tour with no particular object in view.

These unreasonable people who declaim against this employment, like him who could not abide a harmless necessary cat or a gaping pig, or the old maid who couldn't tolerate a stiff brush, a stiff broom, or a corpse, or anything stiff, had certain rights of objection which the town shooter should man be made to respect. A few of these fellows duly jacked would improve the general safety and save us the loss of some good man worth more to the town than a cart load of them fellows.

Wrangel's low descending sun will set on the remains of one of them betimes, when a few bits of lead are thrown back to them with a boquet. The boquet to be laid on their coffin.

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One of these folks, for cheapness, set a nearly flat roof on his house and covered it with paper, and when the snow fell and grew heavy, threatening to fall upon his devoted head, great pity, he climbed up, shovel in hand, to clear the decks. He punched the shovel into the paper and every punch wrecked a foot of it. He didn't do a ting to it.

We give it as sound counsel, when-ever you hear of an adv. dodger or a subscription quitter, avoid him as you would the plague, because his motive spring is greed. His eye of cold speculation gauges you to determine just how much he can get out of you, certainly all he can get away with. With such a man, if I were a chicken, I would roost high. If I was a stranger, hungry, penniless, sick and benighted in a storm, and within his lighted room warm with cheerful blaze I saw his spread table loaded with steaming viands, I would not enter there. The God which lives in the recesses of the hearts of all good people, hath no dwelling there. Hear the town crier! One who will play the devil with you. Selah.

Dr. K. N. McALPIN.

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"Well, Uncle Jim," said the lawyer, "the doctor says there's no hope for you." "Yes, suh, dey tells me I gwine ter cross over." "Have you made your will?" "Yes, suh, I done will ter go." "I mean," said the lawyer, in an explanatory way, "have you anything to leave?" "Oh, yes, suh!" exclaimed the old man, joyfully: "two wives an' de rheumatism!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Capt. Armstrong, one of the owners of the steamers Mono and Glenora, passed through on the Danube bound for Skagway and a quick run into the interior. He will be gone a few weeks looking with an eye single to business. The Captain has grown fleshy and delights to tell of the good things he had to eat during his sojourn among his far eastern friends and relatives.

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Mr. Gingras is superintendent of the Gold Standard group of mines in Helm Bay, owned by Capt. C. P. Dyer and Capt. T. F. Johnson, of Seattle, and now being opened under Mr. Gingras's direction. The Gold Standard is one of the richest groups in Alaska, some of the ore being fairly studded with free gold and paying handsome returns with machinery of the crudest description. A cross-cut is being run into the side of the mountain beneath the outcrop of the veins, and in the spring a small modern stamp mill will probably be erected on the property.

A large vein of free gold quartz, Mr. Gingras says, has been discovered near Loring by Capt. Wyman, of the steam schooner Sealight. It is forty feet wide and assays from \$8 to \$10 a ton. Considerable winter work is being done in the Helm bay district, according to Mr. Gingras.

Capt. Dyer, who is at present in Seattle, said yesterday that he expected a large shipment of gold from his mines upon the return of the steamer Elihu Thompson from Helm bay, where she went with supplies for Capt. Dyer's workmen.

The Ladies' Aid Society.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at Mrs. Judge Tustin's home in the Court House, on Thursday afternoon, the 19th. There will be a reception given by the Ladies Aid on Thursday evening at the Y. M. C. A. hall. Everybody invited to attend.

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